

## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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NANCY MAYER-WHITTINGTON, CLERK U.S. DISTRICT COURT

In re:

VITAMINS ANTITRUST LITIGATION

M.D.L. No. 1285

Misc. No. 99-0197 (TFH)

This Document Relates to:

NATHAN G. WATKINS, et. al.,

Civil Action No. CV-00-P-33-W (Transferred from N.D. Ala.)

Plaintiffs,

\*

VS.

F. HOFFMANN-LAROCHE, LTD., et. al.,

\* STIPULATION AND ORDER SETTING EARLIEST DATE BY WHICH

\* RESPONSES TO THE COMPLAINT MUST BE SERVED

Defendants.

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED, pursuant to an agreement between counsel for Plaintiff and one of the counsel for Takeda Vitamin & Food USA, Inc., that all properly served defendants are given an extension of time through and including March 16, 2000, to respond to Plaintiff's Complaint. All defenses, including specifically the defenses of lack of personal jurisdiction and insufficiency of process, are preserved.

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SO ORDERED, this

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, 2000.

HONORABLE THOMAS F. HÓGAN

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE